

# **Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2014**

**Archie R. Cole Middle School Library**

**100 Cedar Avenue**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**6:07p.m. Executive Session, Mrs. Winters made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5(a) (2) (9) Grievance-Custodian; Potential Litigation. Ms. Mark seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.**

**Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Dr. Deidre Gifford, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Ms. Carolyn Mark; Mr. Jack Sommer (arrived at 6:12 p.m.), and Mrs. Susan Records (arrived at 6:36 p.m.). Mr. Clark Smith was absent. Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration; Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Student Services; and Attorney Matthew Oliverio were also present.**

## **7:00p.m. Regular Meeting**

### **I. Call to Order**

**Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and announced a vote was taken on June 3, 2014 in executive session regarding paraprofessional negotiations. The vote was 7-0. He also announced a vote was taken tonight in executive session regarding a**

**grievance. The vote was 5-1.**

## **II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

## **III. Public Comments**

**There were no public comments.**

## **IV. Recognitions**

### **a. National Exam Winners**

- 1. Jeremy Bernard-Sasges-Second Place in RI, French III**
- 2. Kathy Luo-Third Place in RI, French IV**
- 3. Anthony Bernard-Sasges, First Place in RI, French V**
- 4. Eitan Vilker, Silver Maxima Cum Laude, Latin II**
- 5. Timothy Sanzi, Silver Maxima Cum Laude Latin II**
- 6. Eva Lindquist, Silver Maxima Cum Laude Latin III**
- 7. Ian Cusick, Silver 88 percentile, Spanish I**
- 8. Jeremy Bernard-Sasges, Silver 92 percentile, Spanish III, Second Place RI**
- 9. Rebecca Yant, Silver 93 percentile, Spanish III**
  - 10. Lauren Trapani, Gold 99 percentile, Spanish III, Third Place RI**
  - 11. Catherine Streich, Gold 98 percentile, Spanish IV, Second Place RI**
  - 12. Anthony Bernard-Sasges, Silver 92nd percentile, Spanish V**
  - 13. Zane Yu, Gold 95th percentile, Spanish III**

### **b. Zane Yu-1st Place R.I.-American Math Competition**

**All students were recognized and congratulated.**

## **V. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Regular and Executive Minutes for June 3, 2014**

**On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes.**

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

**Since the budget was approved at the FTM, the 1:1 lease agreement for the EGHS Chrome books will be reviewed by legal counsel before proceeding. Dr. Mercurio has met with the vendor and delivery is expected the third or fourth week in July. Devices will be preconfigured and ready to use "out of the box." Professional development for teachers will take place on June 20, June 23, and June 24. On June 23 and 24, teachers will be at NEIT learning about Google apps for education. So far, there are thirty-eight applications on School Spring for the Director of Technology/Systems Analyst position. Initial interviews will take place on June 23 and 24 with callbacks the end of the week. Members of the district advisory committee and technology committee have been asked to participate on the interview committee. A special meeting may be needed to appoint a candidate to the new 1:1 technology position. The move-up ceremony took place today at Meadowbrook. Dr. Mercurio thanked Mr. Marcaccio and the faculty and staff of Meadowbrook Farms. Tomorrow is the moving up ceremony at Frenchtown. Hanaford, Eldredge, and Cole ceremonies will take place on**

**Thursday. School classifications were recently released. Dr. Mercurio thanked the students, teachers, and administration for their hard work. Dr. Mercurio also thanked PTG presidents and PTG members for their tireless efforts and commitment to the district.**

## **VII. School Committee Concerns**

**There were no concerns.**

## **VIII. Action Items**

### **a. Retirement- Jayne Forster, Paraprofessional, EGHS**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 6-0 to accept the retirement.**

### **b. Staffing-Callbacks for 2014-2015**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the staffing callbacks for 2014-15.**

### **c. Appointment-Senior Accountant, Central Office**

**This item was tabled.**

## **IX. First Read- #4215 Health and Wellness Policy**

**Ms. Mark summarized the proposed revisions to the policy. The current policy was developed in 2006 and needs to be updated due to new federal and state requirements. The district participated in a statewide collaborative to revise this policy. The proposed policy is also aligned with R.I. Physical Education framework and the BEP.**

**Mr. Cobain and The Boosters Club were consulted regarding healthy alternatives for after school events. The School Committee provided additional revisions to the proposed policy (pgs. 3,4,6,9,10). The policy will be sent to parents to preview via the list serv and the**

**Superintendent's Field Memo. All feedback should be forwarded to Ms. Mark.**

## **X. Discussion**

### **a. Staffing Assignments**

**Dr. Mercurio discussed the new Criterion-Based Hiring Process (CBH), which will be used for internal and external teaching vacancies. Job fairs will no longer be used. This new process was instituted in the newly ratified teachers' contract. Seniority shall govern only when two or more candidates are deemed equally qualified.**

### **b. Ad Hoc All Day Kindergarten Committee**

**The committee met twice prior to the FTM to review the survey that will be circulated to the public. An Alert Now message will go out tomorrow evening to notify the community. The list serv, website, and the Superintendent's Field Memo will also be used to gather input. The survey will remain open for a few weeks with reminders.**

### **c. Ad Hoc Academic Calendar Committee**

**An announcement has been sent out a few times asking for committee volunteers. So far there are six parent volunteers and one faculty member. Additional faculty members and two students are needed. Mr. Sommer and Ms. Mark volunteered for the committee.**

## **XI. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.**

**CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO**  
**SECRETARY**